

That Pieton people are making great preparations for friends and relations who intend spending Christmas at their old homes this year.

That Mr and Mrs Carlie, of Napier, intend leaving for England early in the new year.

That Mrs James Greensill and Miss Gillian have returned to Pieton from an enjoyable visit to friends at The Grove, Queen Charlotte Sound.

That Mrs Duncan, Wellington, gave a large afternoon reception at her charming residence in Thomson-street on Wednesday afternoon, upon the occasion of the arrival of her daughter (Miss Duncan) from England, where she has been staying for the last nine months.

That Mr Robert Scott, eldest son of Dr. Scott, of Pieton, is to be married on Wednesday to Miss Laura Farmer, of Blenheim. All his old Pieton friends congratulate Mr Scott on obtaining so estimable a wife.

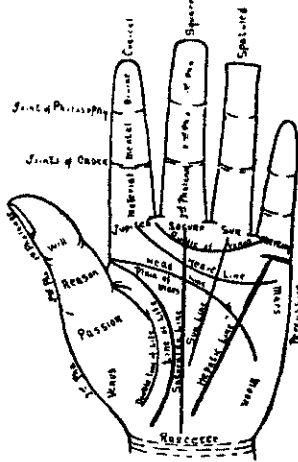
That Dr. Cleghorn's partner, Dr. Anderson, of Dunedin, will arrive in Blenheim at the beginning of the year.

That some Pieton boys, now in South Africa, have taken the gold fever badly, and are desirous of trying their luck at Klondike. Their Pieton friends are writing to beg them to come back to happy New Zealand.

That it is curious that with all the complaints of the scorching sun and drought from most places there was a sharp frost on the night of the 9th inst. and morning of the 10th inst. in Wairarapa. Potatoes, dahlias, tomatoes and other tender plants were cut down by frost.

That Mr F. Andrews, Pieton, has gone camping down Queen Charlotte Sound for a week or so.

suggestions will help in drawing the hand:--



Lay your hand, palm downwards, on a piece of clean white paper, the fingers as far apart as they will comfortably go. Then with a pencil trace all round it. Next hold it up against the window, and reverse it so that it will appear with the palm uppermost, as in the sketch. Then ink it carefully all round, taking pains to have the fingers the exact length. In the first sketch indicate the joints as you come to them by dots; this makes it much easier to get the correct distances when filling in the lines. Draw all the lines you see, as far as possible at correct distances from each other. Put no names in. Then send your hand with 24 penny stamps, to

MADAME VERO, Care of the Lady Editor, "New Zealand Graphic," Auckland.

MATAMATA.—Your hand undoubtedly contains the happy combination of the mounts of Jupiter and Venus, which renders the subject sociable, simple-minded, gay, sincere, fond of pleasure and generous. The fingers denote great activity of mind, impulsiveness, quickness of comprehension, truth and love of nature and animals. The thumb, as you have drawn it, is very powerful, and must dominate your whole character. The first phalange betokens a resolute will, but the second shows exquisite tact and logical reason. You rule with firmness and dexterity combined. You never run counter to 'pet prejudices,' or say 'the wrong thing at the right moment,' and you inspire confidence and keep a secret equally well, without effort on your own part. The life line indicates good health, clearness of intellect, and a sound constitution. No illnesses are marked on it in your drawing. The heart line tells me that although constant and true, you do not wear your heart upon your sleeve. You love few, and in confirmation of this, only one attachment line is marked. This commences early, and the line which indicates marriage shows a union before 25, if you have marked it exactly in the right place. It is rarely so clearly traced as it is in your hand. The heart line denotes a sympathetic and unselfish character, and again indicates impulsive decision and constancy. You decide quickly, but change seldom, or never without good reason. The fate line is very fortunate. Rising from the mount of Luna, it betokens unexpected good luck, bearing slightly towards the plain of Mars, signifies that you strive nobly in the race of life. There is an important change in your prospects and position marked between the ages of 15 and 20. There is another even more significant, much later, about 35, and at that time a fresh influence springs into your life, decidedly favourable and lasting. I cannot tell whether this has reference to marriage; in your diagram there is only one strong attachment marked at present. You outlive the subject of it, but her death may be at an advanced age. There is a line which signifies that either a brother or sister has a great influence on your happiness. No enemies are marked on the mount of Mars, and only one voyage of any length is signified. There is a sign of

wealth in the line springing from the wrist, but it is not until after middle age, although your hand throughout is both good and fortunate. VERO.

THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Preparations for the Championship Tournament in Auckland are now nearly completed, and as far as can be seen everything augurs a most successful meeting. The entries that have been received from other parts of the colony are very satisfactory, since with one or two exceptions all the prominent players of the colony have intimated their intention of competing. Fenwick, who won the championship last time the meeting was held here, will of course be absent, as he has given up tennis entirely for the last few years. The Rev. J. M. Marshall, of Wanganui, the present champion, will be playing, and is said to be in specially good form. It will be remembered that four years ago he won the Double Championship with his brother, Mr P. Marshall, who is now an Auckland player. Mr Marshall plays with an extraordinary amount of vigour and energy, his hard driving being particularly fine. Though weak on the backhand, his activity enables him to make good returns off balls that to others are almost impossible. Parker, the Wellington player, is also coming, and his all-round brilliancy and elegant play will make him a special favourite with the onlookers. A match between Parker and either Marshall or Hooper should result in a very fine exhibition of tennis. None of the best Canterbury players will be here so far as is known at present, though Styrce and Garcia, both of whom are coming, are capable of worthily upholding the honour of the province.

Probably Miss Nunnelley will prove the great attraction of the meeting, since she is without doubt the finest lady player that has ever been seen in the colony. Her driving, especially from the right hand corner, is remarkably strong and accurate, and though comparatively weak on that side would put the play of some of our new players to shame. Miss Van Asch, of Christchurch, is a steady, reliable player, though she lacks the power and brilliancy of Miss Nunnelley. In the doubles there are also good entries. Parker and Gore, last year's champions, have entered the arena again, and though they form a strong combination they will probably have all they can do to beat Hooper and Marshall, the Auckland representa-

tives. Peacock and Brabant, of the West End Club, are also a strong pair and should get through the earlier ranks without difficulty. In the combined doubles Parker and Miss Nunnelley are again playing together, and unless they are handicapped severely they will have little difficulty in defeating all their opponents.

In all the handicap events there are a large number of entries, and it is expected that interesting matches will result. Most of the players in these events will of course be local men, and they should give an index of the relative strength of the Auckland clubs.

Arrangements have been made for buses to run to and from the ground all the days that the tournament lasts, and the catering has been placed in excellent hands, so that all visitors can rely on obtaining an excellent lunch on the grounds.

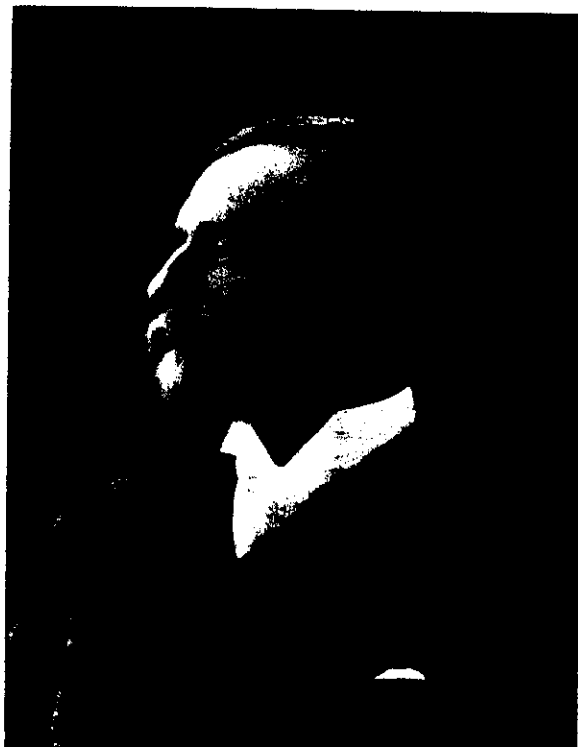
If the weather lasts as it is at present, we can confidently predict that the forthcoming meeting will be the most pleasant and most successful that has been held in New Zealand.

THE LATE MR C. G. ANDREWS.

Mr C. G. Andrews, late Inspector of the Bank of New Zealand, who died in Christchurch on Monday at the age of 53, had only recently resigned the Inspectorship owing to ill-health. He was a native of Belfast, Ireland, and came out to New Zealand in 1864. His first appointment was to the Bank of Australasia, with which he was connected for two years, after which he joined the Bank of New Zealand (1866). In 1879 he was appointed Assistant Inspector, and subsequently he discharged the duties of Inspector in Australia, with Melbourne as headquarters. From thence he came to New Zealand to take up the duties of Inspector and General Manager. He was a most capable business man and had many friends.

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CHIROMANCY

Or the SCIENCE OF READING HANDS.

THERE has been so much interest taken in the Graphology Column, that it has been decided to start a 'Chiromancy' Column, under the able guidance of Madame Vero. This lady has devoted a great deal of time and thought to this very interesting subject, and has thoroughly studied it in all its branches. Her 'readings' have been extraordinarily successful, and 'The Graphic' is fortunate in securing her services. A sketch of a hand with all its lines is given, as a guide to those wishing their hands to be read. No one has all the lines indicated on the specimen hand, but some few of them will be found on each hand. The following